

Application No.: 10/517,182
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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-11 are pending. By this amendment claims 1-11 are cancelled without prejudice, and new claims 12-15 are added. No new matter is added by the claim amendments. Support for the claim amendments can be found throughout the specification and, more particularly, in the original specification at page 25, line 24 to page 26, line 23.

Rejection Of Claims 1-11 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

In the Office Action at item 5, claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Humpleman et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 7,043,532) (hereafter referred to as Humpleman).

Claims 1-11 are cancelled without prejudice.

Accordingly, the rejection of these claims is now moot.

New Claims 12-15

Entry and approval is respectfully requested.

New claims 12-15 have been added. New claim 12 includes the recitation of "an operation screen information transmission part which transmits the operation screen information at a request after the access device receives a locator of the electronic device." That is, the access device receives a locator of the electronic device and then the operation screen information transmission part transmits the operation screen information.

Humpleman Reference

Humpleman discloses a home network 10 that includes a plurality of client devices 12 and a plurality of server devices 14. Each server device includes hardware as a resource in the network for providing services to a user. Each server device 14 stores a service control program for controlling the server hardware. Each server includes a graphic control object (GCO) 22 for user interfacing with the server control program 20. The client device 12 of Humpleman accesses the GCO 22 of the server device 14. It transfers the GCO 22 from the server device 14 to the client device 12.

The Examiner, in the Office Action at page 3, appears to correspond the access device recited in claim 12 with a device 14 having an attribute data table (attribute table 2 shown in, for example, FIG. 11 of Humpleman). Humpleman discloses that such a table is available to other devices 14 on the network 10 to facilitate interoperability and to store device information. (See Humpleman at col. 9, lines 39-49.) Humpleman is silent regarding the recitation in claim 12 of "an operation screen information transmission part which transmits...after the access device receives a locator of the electronic device". Instead, Humpleman merely discloses that the capabilities and attributes data are packaged into structured data using a hierarchical language. This provides a common method of retrieving the capabilities and attribute data that are used for other purposes such as in GCO transfer. (See Humpleman at col. 10, lines 4-10). Nothing in Humpleman discloses or suggests a particular device 14 (i.e., the access device) receives a locator of another device (i.e., an electronic device). Moreover, nothing in Humpleman discloses or suggests the condition recited in claim 1 (i.e., the reception of the locator address of the electronic device) after which transmission of the operation screen information occurs.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 12 patentably distinguishes over Humpleman for at least the above mentioned reasons.

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New Claim 14

New claim 14, which includes similar but not identical features to that of claim 12, is also submitted to patentably distinguish over Humpleman for at least similar reasons to those of claim 12.

New Claims 13 and 15

New claims 13 and 15, which include all the limitations of claim 12 or 14, are also submitted to patentably distinguish over Humpleman for at least the same reasons as claim 12 or claim 14.

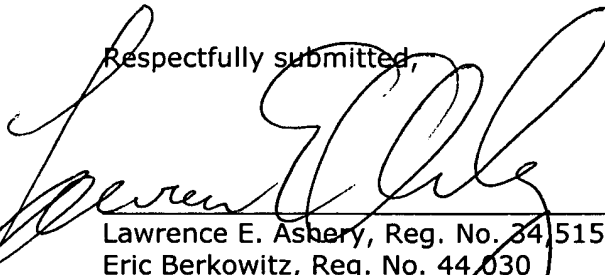
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Conclusion

In view of the new claims and arguments set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 12-15 are in condition for allowance, and an early notification to that effect is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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